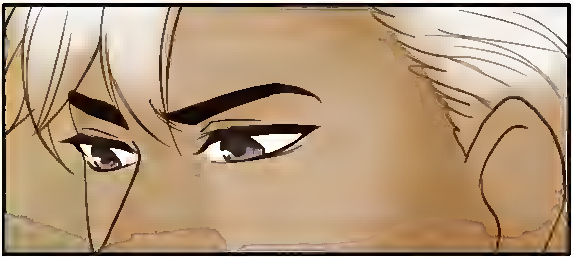
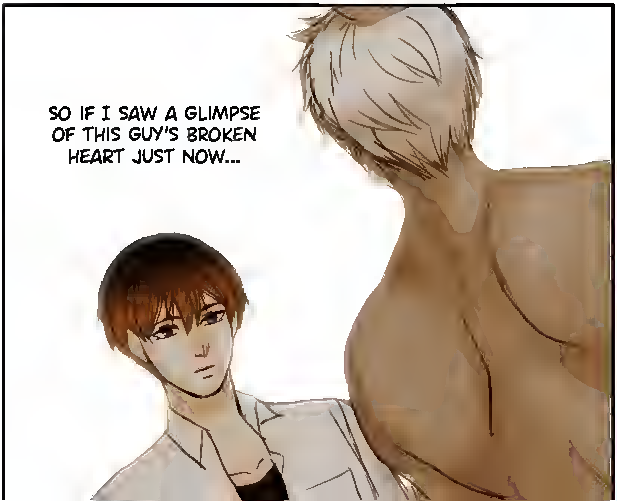
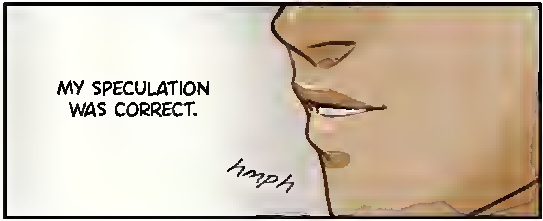
Please have your sound on for this chapter

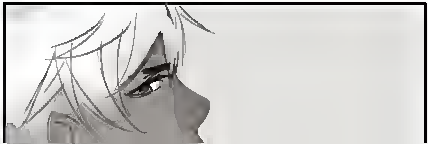
A HEART THAT GLOWS IS SUPPOSED TO INDICATE HEARTBREAK...



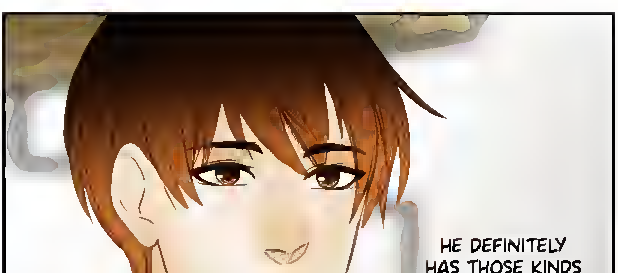
OR AT LEAST BLUE HEARTS, FROM WHAT I'VE KNOWN.

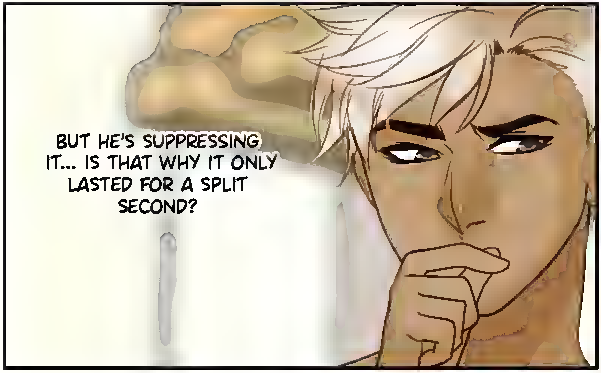

SO IF I SAW A GLIMPSE OF THIS GUY'S BROKEN HEART JUST NOW...


MY SPECULATION
WAS CORRECT.
hmph



HE SEEMS TO BE INTO YOU WHY IS HE DATING THAT ONE CHICK? ... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND HIM?

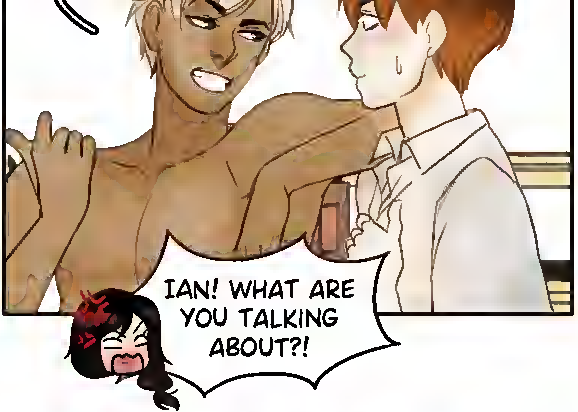

HE DEFINITELY HAS THOSE KINDS OF FEELINGS FOR FISH BAIT.



MAYBE IT HAS SOME SORT OF CORRELATION TO HER UNEXPLAINED YELLOW HEART?

IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT TAKING MY CLOTHES AGAIN, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DIDN'T.

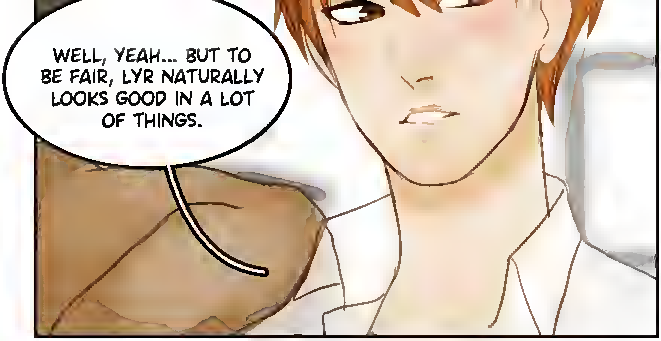
WELL, WHY NOT? I MEAN, FISH BAIT IS GIVING YOU A PRETTY GOOD SHOW HERE, DON'T YOU THINK?
Why so modest?

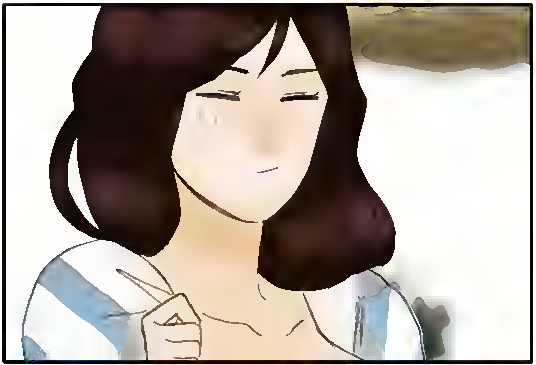

IAN! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
SHON, PLEASE IGNORE HIM. I THINK BEING OUT IN THE SUN TOO LONG FRIED HIS BRAIN.

YO, I'M GIVING YOU A COMPLIMENT. I'M JUST SAYING YOU LOOK GOOD.

SHE LOOKS GOOD, RIGHT?

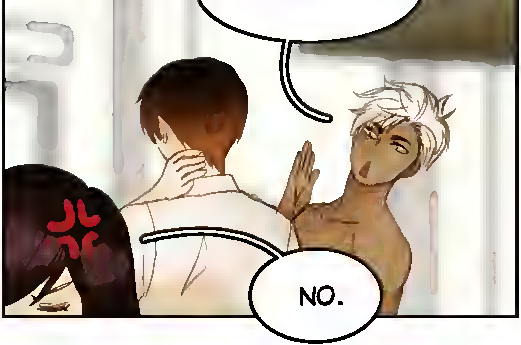
UM...


WELL, YEAH... BUT TO BE FAIR, LYR NATURALLY LOOKS GOOD IN A LOT OF THINGS.



OKAY, I DON'T BELIEVE EITHER OF YOU, SO I'M GOING UPSTAIRS TO SHOWER.

NEED COMPANY?

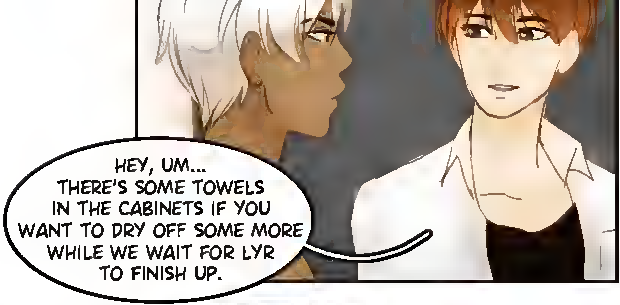

NO.

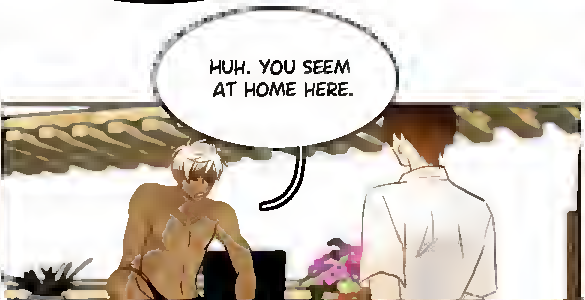
SHON, WILL YOU BE STAYING FOR A WHILE?

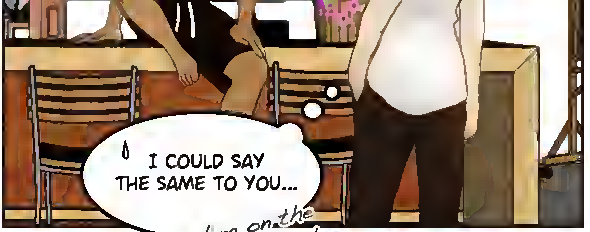
HM? YEAH, I'LL BE HERE.

CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR AND MAKE SURE IAN DOESN'T DESTROY THE SHOP OR SOMETHING?
HAHA SURE.

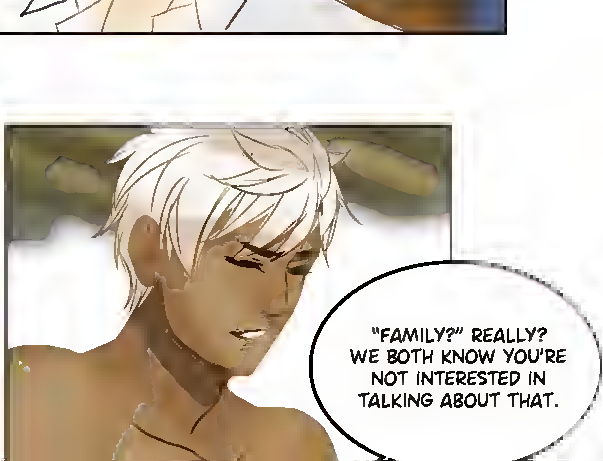
SAYING THAT ONLY TEMPTS ME MORE, Y'KNOW.


HEY, UM... THERE'S SOME TOWELS IN THE CABINETS IF YOU WANT TO DRY OFF SOME MORE WHILE WE WAIT FOR LYR TO FINISH UP.


HUH. YOU SEEM AT HOME HERE.

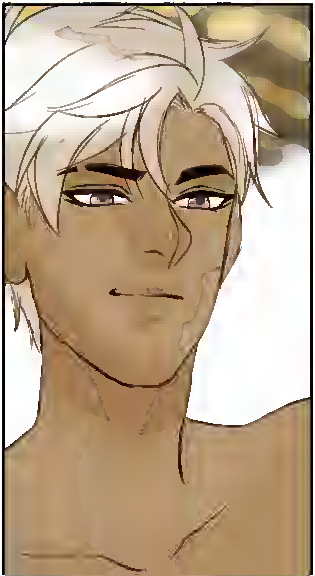

I COULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU...
Climbing on the counter like that...

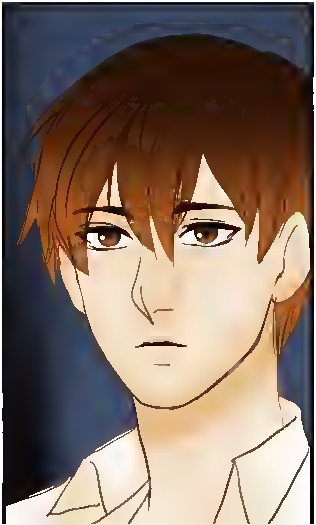
YOU'RE FROM OVERSEAS, RIGHT? ... DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF FAMILY BACK AT HOME?


"FAMILY?" REALLY? WE BOTH KNOW YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN TALKING ABOUT THAT.

SO LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT DOES CATCH YOUR INTEREST.

HOW ABOUT "LYR," FOR INSTANCE?





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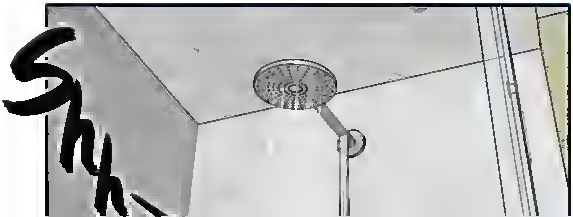

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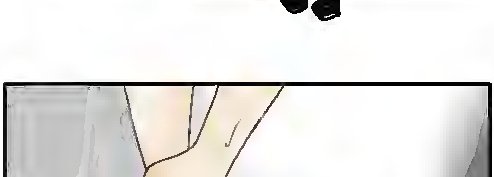
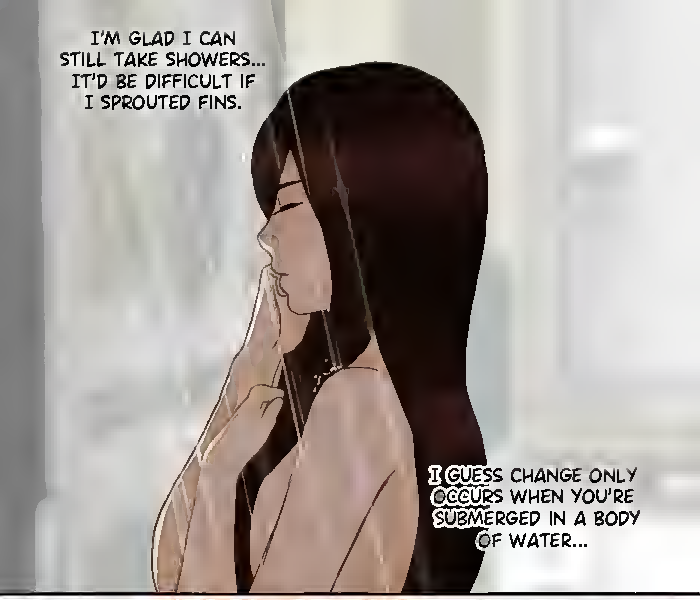
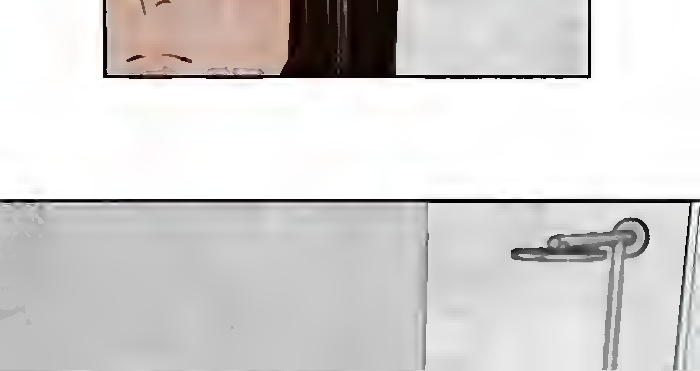
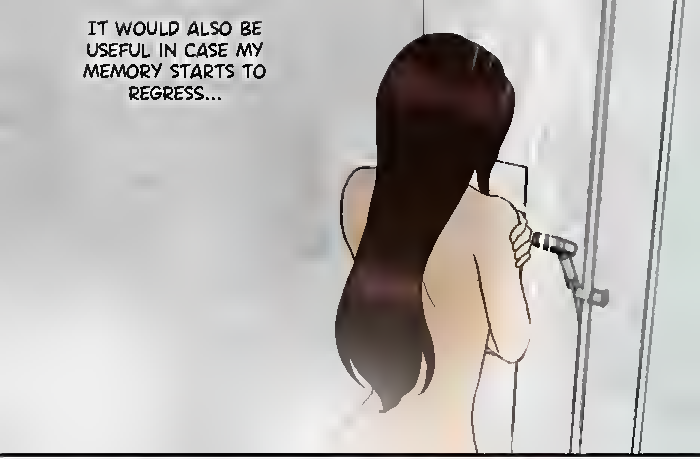



I'M GLAD I CAN STILL TAKE SHOWERS... IT'D BE DIFFICULT IF I SPROUTED FINS.
I GUESS CHANGE ONLY OCCURS WHEN YOU'RE SUBMERGED IN A BODY OF WATER...

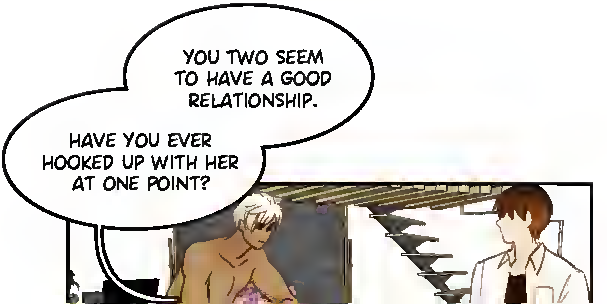
IT WOULD BE SMART TO GET A SEPERATE JOURNAL AND JOT DOWN EVERYTHING I'VE LEARNED ABOUT THE CURSE SO FAR.

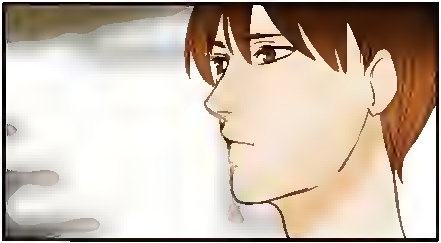
AND...



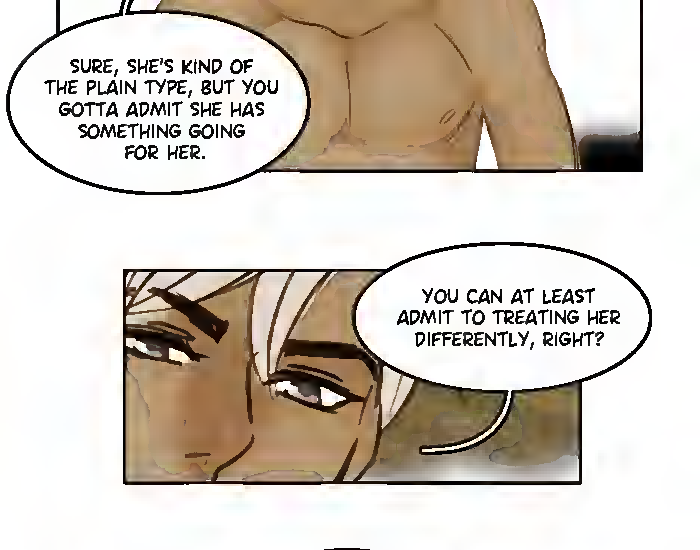

IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IN CASE MY MEMORY STARTS TO REGRESS...

WHICH IS THE
LAST THING I HOPE
WILL HAPPEN...



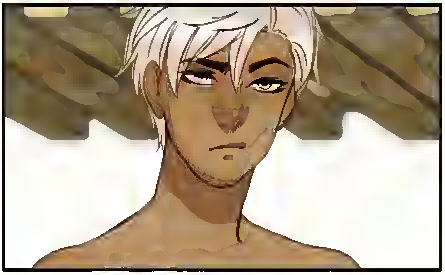


IT'S NOT LIKE THAT BETWEEN ME AND LYRA.
BUT YOU HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, RIGHT?

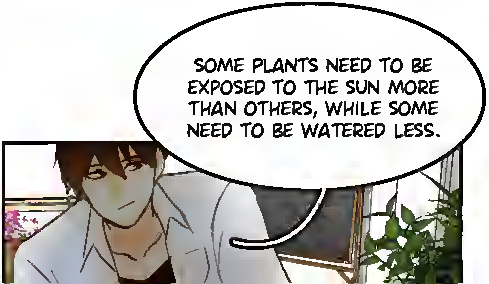

SURE, SHE'S KIND OF THE PLAIN TYPE, BUT YOU GOTTA ADMIT SHE HAS SOMETHING GOING FOR HER.
YOU CAN AT LEAST ADMIT TO TREATING HER DIFFERENTLY, RIGHT?

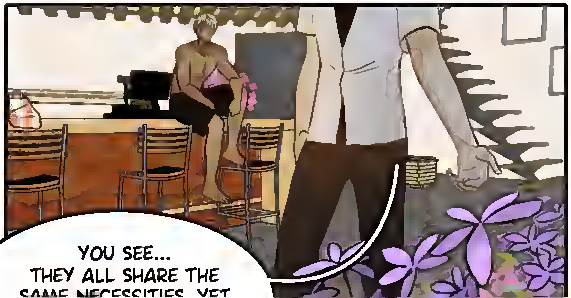
I CAN SEE IT.

Y'KNOW... BEFORE I STARTED WORKING AT THE SHOP, I KNEW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT FLOWERS.



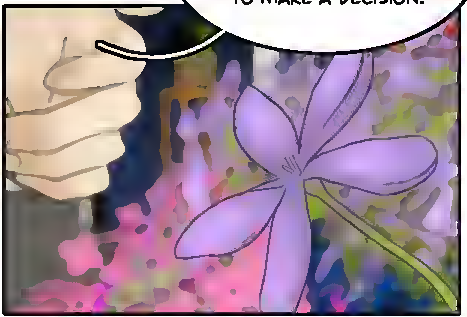
BUT AFTER A WHILE, I LEARNED PLANTS ARE ACTUALLY A LOT LIKE PEOPLE.


SOME PLANTS NEED TO BE EXPOSED TO THE SUN MORE THAN OTHERS, WHILE SOME NEED TO BE WATERED LESS.


YOU SEE...
THEY ALL SHARE THE

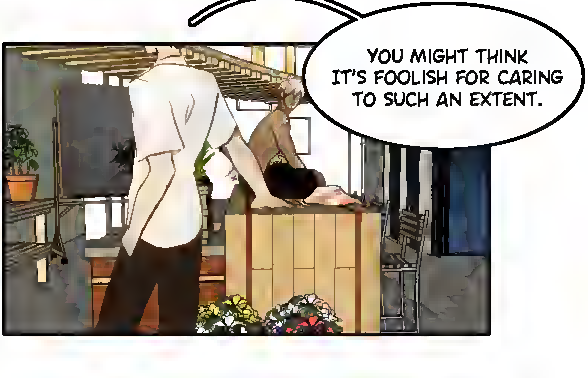
ALL NEED TO BE CARED FOR DIFFERENTLY.

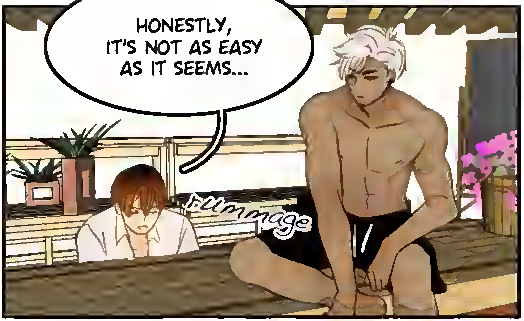
... AND EVENTUALLY, AFTER TENDING TO THEM FOR SO LONG, YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION.



SHOULD I CUT THE STEMS TO MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL BUT TEMPORARY OUT OF THIS?

OR SHOULD I CONTINUE TO ADMIRE THE BEAUTY IT HAS IN ITSELF AND LET IT FLOURISH ON ITS OWN?


YOU MIGHT THINK IT'S FOOLISH FOR CARING TO SUCH AN EXTENT.


HONESTLY,
IT'S NOT AS EASY
AS IT SEEMS...

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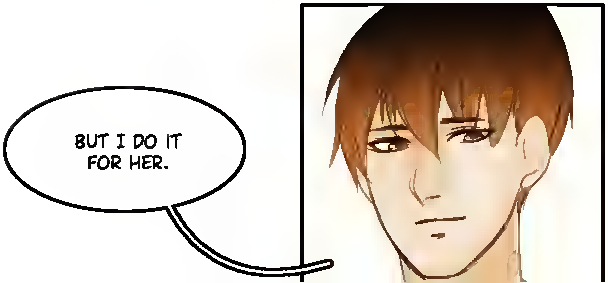
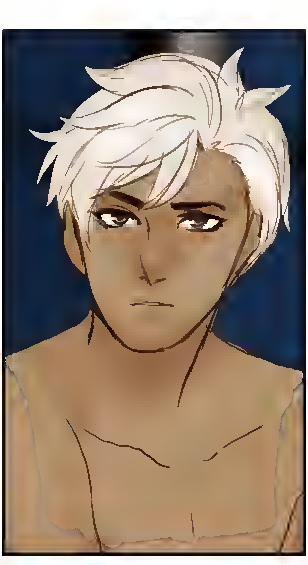
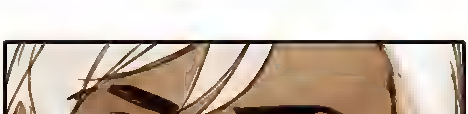
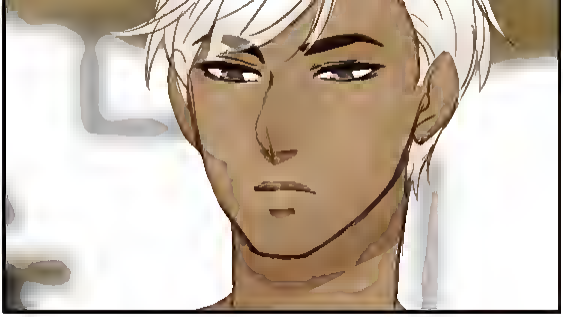
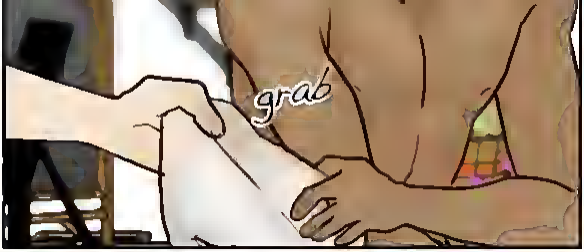

BUT I DO IT FOR HER.





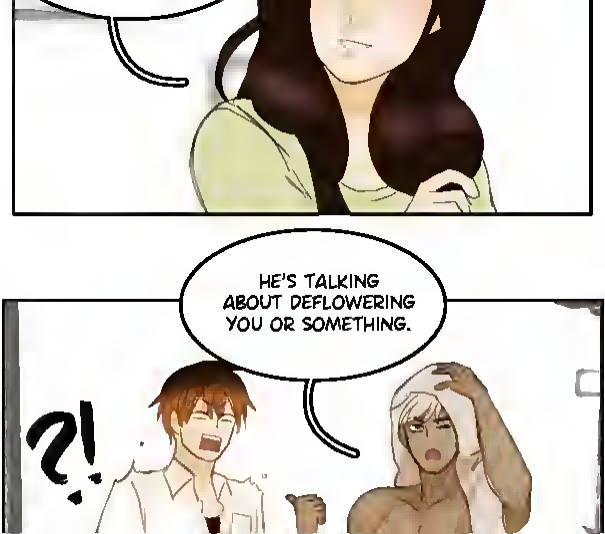


I REALIZE NOW.



HEARTBREAK ISN'T JUST
AN EMOTION YOU FEEL
TOWARD SOMEONE...

BUT ALSO A CHOICE.


HE'S TALKING ABOUT DEFLOWERING YOU OR SOMETHING.
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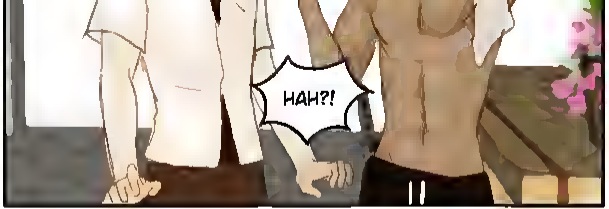
HAH?!

HEY, IAN! I NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
OH REALLY?

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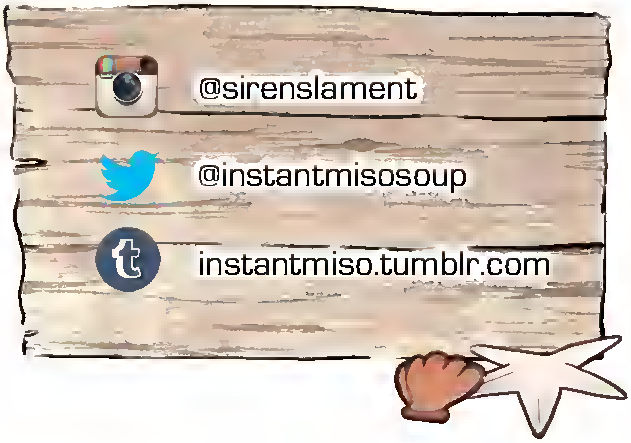
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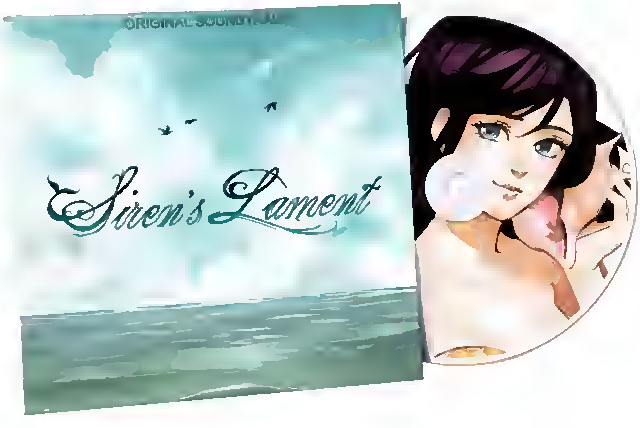

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